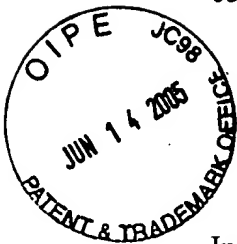


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REMARKS

Applicant submits that JP-A-2000-049996 was cited in the examination in the Japanese counterpart application over three months ago. An English-language translation was obtained from a commercial database and is also enclosed.

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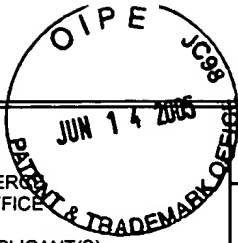
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